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Applicant : Alfred F. Behrens Date: *March 28, 2005*
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BONE FRACTURE TREATMENT
Attorney Docket No. A-02.37

AMENDMENT
AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IN TIME TO RESPOND

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Examiner's letter of December 1, 2004,
please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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paper.